

# Legislative Issue Brief – Elder Justice Act



## **Catawba County Board of Commissioner's Legislative Goal**

**Support implementation of the Elder Justice Act (Senate Bill 795)**

### **Background**

Elder abuse results in harm to an elderly person and may include physical abuse, neglect and/or financial exploitation. All 50 states have laws against elder abuse. The laws differ, but all states have systems in place for reporting and investigating suspected abuse. The Elder Justice Act will provide federal funding for Adult Protective Services; support new forensic expertise in elder abuse; authorize \$10 million for training, technical assistance, demonstration programs and research to improve long-term care ombudsman effectiveness in addressing abuse and neglect; authorize \$20 million in grants to enhance long-term care staffing through training employee incentives and improve the quality of information and research related to elder abuse. The Elder Justice Act addresses issues of abuse, neglect and exploitation for both community living and facility based services.

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